

COMMITTEE MINUTES for JUSTICE SYSTEMS APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: February 26, 2002

Place: Rm 24

Convened: 9:37 AM

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Adjourned: 11:18 AM

Present: Senators Angelo – CH, McKean - VC, Dvorsky - RM, Fraise, Maddox
Representatives Horbach – CH, Eichorn – VC, Bell – RM, Cormack, Jacobs, Larkin, Manternach, Richardson

Absent: Representative Tremmel

Excused:

Senator Angelo called the meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Senator Angelo then invited members of the committee to invite speakers on something they are interested in, to the meetings, and to come to either himself or Representative Horbach if they knew of a speaker. He then yielded the floor to Representative Horbach, who welcomed new committee member, Representative Manternach and reiterated Senator Angelo's invitation to have speakers come to committee meetings.

Senator Angelo then introduced Commissioner Kevin Techau of the Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Techau expressed that two of his goals as the new commissioner would include continued support for DPS staff in the state and improving relations with law enforcement. Questions followed and Senator Angelo thanked Commission Techau for attending the meeting.

Senator Angelo then introduced the Director of the Department of Corrections, Kip Kautzy. A discussion on perimeter security fencing followed. A binder from DeTekion Security Systems, Inc., was passed around. Director Kautzy also distributed a handout on the electronic taut wire system. Director Kautzy introduced John Ault, warden of the correctional facility at Anamosa, who gave a presentation on Anamosa's prison towers. Questions followed.

Director Kautzy then gave a presentation on the towers of the Iowa State Penitentiary. Questions followed. He then introduced Ken Berger of the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility who discussed the towers at Mount Pleasant. Questions followed.

Senator Angelo then introduced the topic of the inmate telephone rebate fund. A call processing flow chart and corrections site diagram were distributed. Senator Angelo introduced Fred Scaletta of the central office of the DOC to discuss the expenses of the phone system. Questions followed.

Senator Angelo ended discussion on the inmate telephone rebate fund and introduced correctional officer Chris Tripp of the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. Officer Tripp distributed a handout on staff safety concerns, institution designs, electric taut wiring systems, public safety and information from the individual penitentiaries. Questions followed.

Director Kautzy thanked the committee for not making additional budget cuts to the Justice System.

Senator Angelo thanked Officer Tripp.

Representative Richardson moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Danzer, Secretary

